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The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge applicants' claim for priority under 35 USC 119 and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to return copies of the Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B filed on March 1, 2004 and the Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B mailed on October 29, 2004, and to indicate thereon that the cited publications were considered and made of record.

The amendments to claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 11, 12 and 20 to 23 involve only editorial revisions.

The amendments to claims 9 and 25 involve changing dependencies.

New claim 26 includes a feature of original claim 12.

New claim 27 includes a feature of original claim 25.

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 as follows:

Group I - Claims 1-12 and 20-23, drawn to induction hardened steel rolling element and its method of making; and

Group II - Claims 13-19, 24 and 25, drawn to a carburized, nitrided, carbonitrided steel rolling element and its method of making.

Applicant elects Group I (claims 1 to 12, 20 to 23 and 25).

The above amendment to claims 25 places claim 25 in elected Group I.

A Divisional application directed to the claims of Group II will be filed shortly.

An INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT is being filed concurrently herewith.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,

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